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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/807,350	ROSEMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Korie H. Chan	3632	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

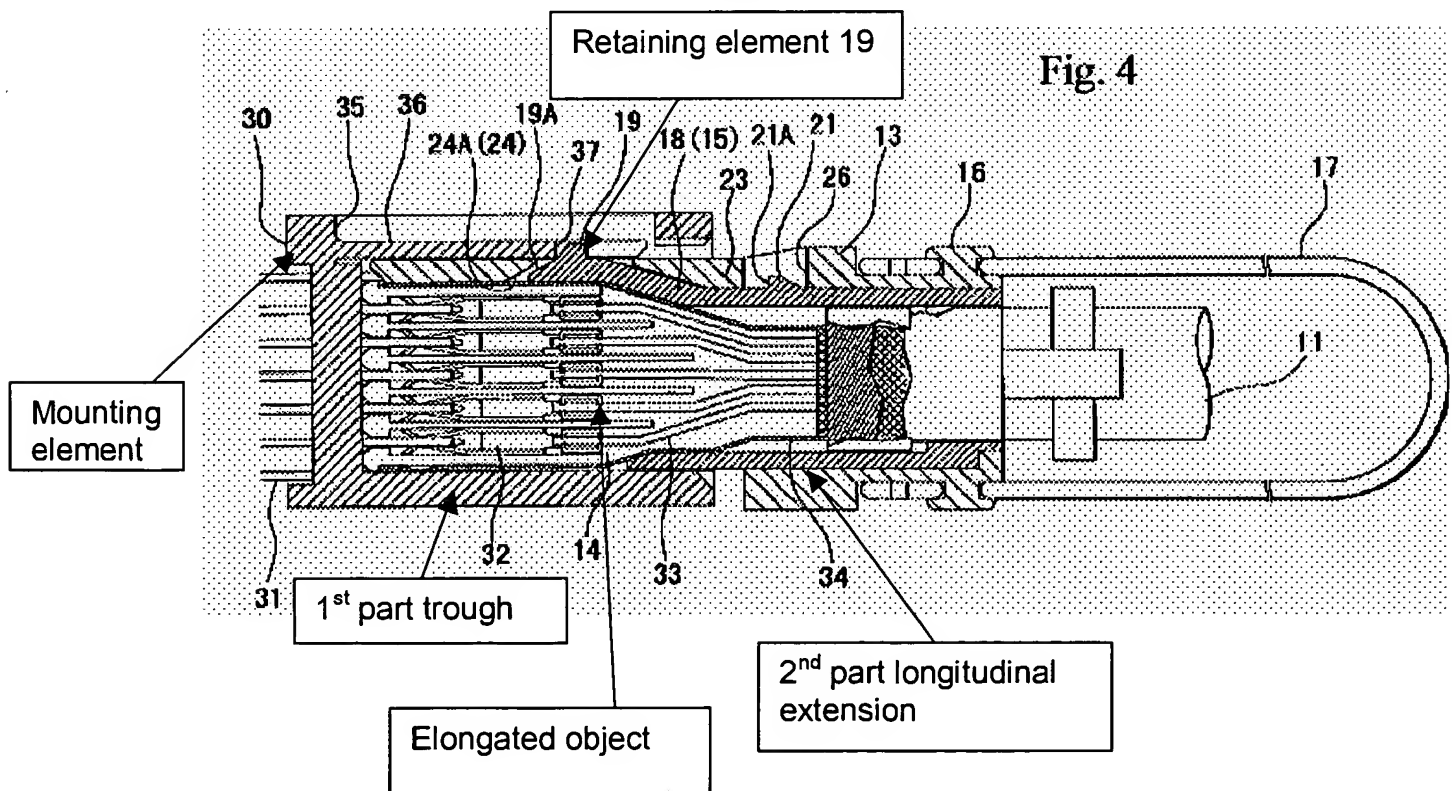
#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, line 2 or line 3, the phrase "or the like" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "or the like"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d). Further, regarding claims claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, line 18, "longitudinally into and along the," is vague and indefinite. It appears the term "trough" is missing at the end. Claim 16, line 5, "through" is vague and should be corrected to "trough".

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

Claims 16-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al (US patent no. 6,447,170). Takahashi disclose a holder (see illustration below) for an elongated object, comprising: a first part (30) defining a trough (inner space) for receiving and supporting the object longitudinally along a longitudinal axis of the trough parallel to a bottom wall of the trough; and a second part (10) defining a longitudinal extension of the first part along the longitudinal axis for trough of also

receiving and supporting the object longitudinally, wherein the second part is a slide constructed so that the second part of the first part along the longitudinal axis, and wherein the second part has a retaining element (see illustration below) that moves over the object to hold the object on the holder in response to insertion of the second part into the trough of the first can be moved longitudinally into the trough part; wherein the retaining element is moved to a closed position by a wedging action as the second part moves into the trough of the first part; wherein the first part has a mounting element below its trough for attaching the first part to a substrate; wherein the first and second parts have cooperable fastening elements for fastening the second part to the first part upon insertion of the second part into the trough of the first part.



***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 19 is allowed.

Claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gilmour teaches two interconnecting parts with retaining element (76) which slides and is over the trough. German patent to Lin teaches to interconnecting parts with trough.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-6816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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